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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Leslie L. Howson **Group Art Unit:** 3752
Serial No. : 10/088,887 **Examiner:** Brinson, Patrick F.
Filing Date : September 12, 2002
For : A DRAINAGE PIPE COVERING KIT FOR USE DURING
BUILDING OR FLOOR CONSTRUCTION

Notice Of Allowance: December 9, 2003
Confirmation No.: 4992

Mail Stop Issue Fee
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This communication is submitted in connection with the above-identified Notice of Allowance, item 4, which states that the Certified Copy of the Priority Document AU 59308/99 has not been received, and, thus, claim to this foreign priority is not acknowledged.

It is respectfully submitted that the "Notice of Acceptance of Application under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 1.495" issued by US PTO/DO/EO on April 15, 2003 indicated that the Priority documents have been received by the Office. Since Priority Data as indicated in the published International Application includes data related to the Australian application No. 59308/99, filed November 10, 1999, it is presumable that the certified copy of this document has been received by the US PTO/DO/US.

Also, enclosed herewith is a copy of the Communication Requesting Correction of Official

Filing Receipt, as filed on September 12, 2003, which requested entry of the foreign priority benefits under 35 USC 119 omitted in the originally issued Official Filing Receipt .

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that the acknowledgment be made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 USC § 119 (a-d) to all of the prior applications made at the time of filing instant International application.

Respectfully submitted
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